

## Merry Christmas

To All Our Customers,  
Present and Prospective

May your Christmas Stocking be  
padded right down to the toe, full  
up and running over.



Cigars are appreciated by ninety  
per cent., of your gentlemen friends,  
but cigars are a line ladies cannot  
always buy with safety. Unless you  
come to our store you are liable to  
get something your friend will not  
like. In boxes special for Christ-  
mas 50c to \$4.00.



In perfumes we have the best that  
the markets of England and France  
and America afford, and it seems as  
if this year's creations outdo any  
ever shown before. Perfume is al-  
ways acceptable. We can suit you  
at 10c to \$2.50.



Wiley's candy "As Good as the  
Best" and "Better than the Best,"  
Freshest candy in town—by express  
for Xmas. Leave orders now—all  
sizes 10c to \$3.00.



Fountain pens are a most sensible  
present for Xmas, when you get the  
best. We have Waterman's Ideal  
from \$2.50 to \$4.75. Satisfaction  
guaranteed. If the point don't suit  
we will exchange until perfectly  
satisfactory.

## HELM & ELLISON.

Mrs. B. F. Beckham.

The Courier made a brief mention  
last week of the death of Mrs. B. F.  
Beckham, who died at Colorado  
Springs, Colo., on Nov. 20th.  
Funeral took place at Union City Sat-  
urday.

Mrs. Beckham was well known  
to many of our readers, and as a  
girl was known as Miss Annie  
Tams, the youngest daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. Jessie Tams, who located  
and resided in the vicinity east and  
nearby Hickman many years ago.  
Mr. Tams was a native of England,  
and a more courtly or kind hearted  
gentleman never lived. He was a  
man of intelligence and learning.  
The friendly and social spirit pre-  
vailed with the mother and daugh-  
ters, and the home was noted for its  
hospitality. In the midst of such  
surroundings the daughters grew in  
the graces of womanhood, fair and  
gentle, kind and true. It was here  
that Mr. Beckham found a compan-  
ion. They were married July 14,  
1892, fifteen years ago and located  
in Union City, until recently,  
when the family moved to the coun-  
try home east of town. Three chil-  
dren were born to them—Harriet,  
who was with her mother in Colora-  
do, Kate Watson and little Ben (B.  
F.). Among the relatives are also  
three sisters: Mrs. King, of  
Hickman, Mrs. Scates, Union City,  
Miss Lizzie Tams and mother who  
have been residing there for a few  
years.

In her early youth Mrs. Beckham  
became a worshiper at the Throne  
of Grace and united with the Meth-  
odist Church. She was happy in her  
faith and attached to loved ones  
with a devotion that is seldom wit-  
nessed. Her home was a shrine and  
in it the fulfillment of her joys and  
pleasures—a sainted mother, truly a  
treasure to the loving husband and  
children. Words feebly express the  
glow which has shadowed the  
household, the mother and the  
sisters. The time is a sad one for  
them.

—Have you heard about Star  
Flour? It is the best sold and the  
only Flour guaranteed. Ask your  
grocer for it. Mose Barkett, Agent,  
will refund your money if not satis-  
fied.

The directors of the Jamestown  
Exposition have unanimously accept-  
ed a committee report favoring keep-  
ing the Exposition open next year,  
provided \$200,000 can be raised by  
popular subscription.

A dose of Tar-pine saves nine  
of the other kind, for coughs

In Shakespeare's time the play was  
the thing. Now it's the box receipts.

## Facts And Fiction

### Forecasts for December.

December was the ninth month in  
the old Roman calendar, and its  
name is from decem (ten). When  
Julius Caesar became Big Stick of  
the empire, the month contained but  
twenty-nine days. He added two  
more—one more to make ready for  
Christmas, and another to recover  
from it. Christmas gifts originated  
with the Greeks. Hence the saying,  
"Beware of the Greeks bearing  
gifts." Santa Claus was invented  
by the toy manufacturers of Neurem-  
burg, Germany, where the Teddy  
Bears came from.

The motto for this month will be,  
"Shut the door!" Mr. Roosevelt  
and Mr. Bryan will be the leading  
presidential candidates, and prohibi-  
tion will continue the burning issue.  
The liquor interests will build walls  
around Peoria, Ill., St. Louis, Louis-  
ville and Milwaukee, and their war  
balloon will make daily observations  
of the movements of Mrs. Nation.

The Anti Saloon League has con-  
sented to let the Winter Solstice of  
this year begin at 7 p. m. on the  
22d; but there must be no drinking,  
and every one must be in by Curfew.  
The 21st will be the shortest day in  
the year. This will be on Saturday,  
and if you are at church next day  
and stay for the sermon, you will  
notice that the 22d, is much longer.

The moon will be full on the 19th,  
and the sign of the zodiac for the  
month will be Capricornus the Goat.  
This will make butter go up, and  
send kids to Sunday school.

The old mill pond will freeze again.  
And every one will skate:  
The motleydoodle, modest swain,  
Will tither go with Kate  
She'll slip in such a way that she  
Will see a brilliant star.  
And he will deeply blush to see  
How long her stockings are.

The money scare will quite down—  
unhappy circumstance—and money  
frequent again the pockets of our  
pants. The new gold coins they're  
making now without "In God We  
Trust," will turn up in the hat at  
church as prized as any dust. Hick-  
scrip will be retired, and real dough  
will look good, but the old subscrib-  
er will insist on paying up with  
wood.

On the 2d, Speaker Cannon will  
assemble at Washington, where he



HON. JOSEPH G. CANNON

will re-elect himself and resume the  
the enactment of law in the presence  
of the Democratic minority and other  
onlookers. The final edition of  
the President's message will be read,  
Wall street will be given another  
physic; and it will be officially de-  
clared that this country cannot exist  
half capital and half water.

Mr. Fairbanks will take refuge in  
dignity of the Senate from his cock-  
tail persecutors, and several new  
members will be taken into that ex-  
clusive club of multi millionaires.  
Congress assembled will take up  
great public questions like the need  
for a new federal building at Podunk  
and Coyote Center; the growing de-  
mand for more elastic currency, and  
why nobody will stay in the army at  
the generous inducement of \$13 a  
month and found—dead in the Phi-  
lippines.

Persons born under the sign of  
Capricornus the Goat are great or-  
ators, thinkers and teachers; self-con-  
scious and not meddlesome; good  
story tellers, eat too much, have  
style and pride, talk too much, are  
distrustful, and can keep a secret (if  
males). They are selfish, and never  
get the hot end of it in an exchange  
of Christmas gifts. They continue  
to hang up their stockings when it is  
a hardship upon others to fill them.  
Girls born in Capricornus are hard  
to win, generally preferring a parrot  
to the stork.

The want-wolf's wall will ride the blast  
Where poverty prevails;  
A few late lagard geese will pass  
With winter on their tails.

# FUQUA, HELM & CO.

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chandise at the lowest prices.

## A Good Selection of Ladies and Childrens Shoes.

### Ladies Shoes.

- Ladies patent kid, mat kid top, ex-  
tension sole, cubon heel, at..... 3.50
- Ladies vici kid, extension sole,  
at..... 2.00 to 3.00
- Ladies vici kid in extension and  
turn sole, bluchers and polish,  
at..... 1.50 to 3.00
- Ladies box calf, extension sole,  
with and with out cap, at..... 2.00



### Misses Shoes.

- Misses patent kid, cuban heel,  
mat kid top, at..... 3.00
- Misses vici kid, high and low heel  
blucher, at..... 1.50 to 2.50
- Misses box calf, tip, low heel,  
lace, at..... 1.50
- Childrens vici kid, patent tip, low  
heel, lace, at..... 1.00 to 1.25
- Childrens vici kid, red with black,  
patent tip, low heel, lace, at..... 1.10
- Childrens vici and box calf, tip,  
blucher and polish, low heel, lace,  
at..... 50c to 1.25

## Underwear.

- Women's fleeced union suits, vests and pants,  
per garment..... 35c
- Women's heavy fleeced union suits, vests and  
pants, each..... 50c to 75c
- Women's fine ribbed fleeced union suits, per-  
fect fitting, each..... 1.00
- Ladies' wool vests and pants in ecru, per  
garment..... 1.00

- Men's heavy vests and pants, fleeced lined,  
per garment..... 50c
- Wright's health underwear, for men, non ir-  
ritating, always soft, per garment..... 75c
- Boy's ribbed vest and pants, fleeced lined,  
per garment..... 25c, 35c and 50c
- Children's union suits, jersey fleeced and  
ribbed, each..... 50c to 1.00

### Blankets.

- 10-4 and 11-4 cotton blank-  
ets, white, colored borders, ex-  
tra heavy, per pair..... 1.50
- 11-4 very heavy cotton blank-  
ets, white, at..... 2.00
- 10-4 and 11-4 all wool blank-  
ets, white with fancy borders,  
per pair..... 3.00 to 5.00

### Dress Goods.

- Panamas and serges, in blue,  
red and black, 36 to 56 inches,  
at..... 85c to 1.00
- Batiste—in blue, red, brown,  
gray, 36 inches, a big selling  
line, at..... 50 and 60c
- Cromwell serges, double  
width, in plaids, per yard 25c

### Overalls.

- Men's overalls and jumpers,  
made of extra heavy blue den-  
ham, per garment 60c and 1.10
- Men's jersey knit fleeced and  
cotton wash shirts, at..... 50c
- Men's all wool shirts in col-  
ors of blue and gray, good  
quality, at..... 1.50

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are right. You be the judge; call and see.

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and best lamp for  
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all-round household use. Gives a clear, steady light. Fitted  
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nickel plated. Every lamp warranted. Suitable for library,  
dining room or parlor. If not at your dealer's write to nearest  
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SEE THEM AT

MOSE BARKETT'S  
Hickman

## THE A. S. of E. COLUMN

—BY JAS. H. SAUNDERS—

We met a friend a few days ago  
who wanted to know why the A. S.  
of E. let the prices go down. In the  
same way we might ask why the  
prices of other things besides farm  
products go down.

If merchants have bought goods  
on time and are compelled to pay  
for them, they must mark down the  
prices or sell at auction, thus letting  
the purchaser set the price. If any  
one has bought machinery on time  
and has to pay for it, he must do  
the same thing. But if people quit  
buying the manufacturer shuts down  
his factory, the miller stops his mills  
and the miner closes his mines until  
the price will justify them to open up  
and gain a fair profit on their manu-  
factures, their meal and flour, and  
on their ores.

Then can any one tell us why the  
farmer has not the right to do the  
same thing with his corn, wheat, to-  
bacco and cotton? Farm products  
are so bulky and farm labor so scarce  
that farmers do not like to handle  
them. In fact, they say they cannot  
afford to rehandle them at the pres-  
ent prices. Then why not build ware-  
houses, corn-pens, elevators, etc. at  
the local depots, and store their goods  
or produce until the price will just-  
ify them to sell?

If the price never justifies, stop  
plowing until it does, just as the min-  
er stops mining, the miller stops  
grinding and the manufacturer stops  
manufacturing. Has not the farm-  
er the same right to let the farm pro-  
ducts stay in the soil, that the miner  
has to let the ore stay in the ground,  
the manufacturer, to let his products  
stay in the raw material or the mil-  
ler to let his flour stay in the wheat?

Why is it a crime for the farmer  
to stop work when he does not get a  
fair price when all other callings  
and professions do the same thing?  
No doubt some one will say that the  
farmer can live at the present prices.  
That he has lived on them and can  
still do so. In the same way we  
could answer that the slaves lived on  
what their owners allowed them, and  
our forefathers could have lived and  
paid the tax on stamps, teas, etc.

But was it right? Was it just?  
Was it equity? If the United States  
census shows that a dollar invested  
in manufactures gives five times as  
much as a dollar invested in agricul-  
ture, is it not time for farmers to  
make a change? If not, why not?  
The farmer ought to be the freest,  
most independent man on earth.  
Nature has made him so, but through  
his generosity, his timidity or some-  
thing else he has made himself the  
most dependent.

### Printed By Request.

Mix the following by shaking well  
in a bottle, and take in teaspoonful  
doses after meals and at bedtime:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half  
ounce; Compound Kargon, one  
ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsapilla,  
three ounces. A local druggist  
is the authority that these simple,  
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strengthen the clogged and inactive  
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Bladder weakness and Urinary trou-  
ble of all kinds, if taken before the  
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positively overcomes pain in the  
back, clears the urine of sediment  
and regulates urination, especially  
at night, curing even the worst forms  
of bladder weakness.

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feels that the kidneys are not strong  
or acting in a healthy manner should  
mix this prescription at home and  
give it a trial, as it is said to do  
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cheaper than buying wood.

People are losing the habit of go-  
ing to the "nearest store." They  
go to the Farmers Hardware Co.  
because they can save money.